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NEWS.

DR. H. A. GLEASON has been appointed instructor in botany in the University of Illinois.

F. S. EARLE has retired from the directorship of the Estación Agronómica Central de Cuba.

DR. A. A. LAWSON, Stanford University, has been advanced to an assistant professorship in botany.

C. B. CLARKE, the well-known English systematist, died at Kew August 25, at the age of seventy-four years.

DR. J. N. ROSE, United States National Museum, left August 1 for his sixth collecting trip in Mexico, being especially interested in the Cacti.

PROFESSOR CHARLES FLAHAUT, Montpellier, has been elected an honorary member of the Zoological and Botanical Society of Vienna.—SCIENCE.

MR. JOHN G. HALL, Harvard University, has been appointed assistant in plant pathology in the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

DURING 1904 the additions to the Kew Herbarium were as follows: 8000 sheets presented by ninety persons and institutions; 4000 sheets purchased.

PROFESSOR C. R. BARNES, Dr. C. J. CHAMBERLAIN, and Dr. W. J. G. LAND, University of Chicago, have spent the month of September in botanical work in Mexico.

DR. H. C. COWLES, University of Chicago, will spend the autumn and early winter in Florida, studying the everglades under a grant from the Carnegie Institution.

DR. A. F. BLAKESLEE has been appointed instructor in cryptogamic botany in Harvard University for the ensuing year, and will also give instruction in Radcliffe College. He has recently returned from two years study at Naples and Halle.

IN COMMEMORATION of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation, September 1907, the German Botanical Society proposes to publish a *Festschrift* of about 300 pages and 20 plates; and distinguished specialists, whether members or not, are asked to offer MSS. before January 1, 1907, to the Secretary, Professor Dr. C. MÜLLER.

THE DEATH OF H. MARSHALL WARD, professor of botany at Cambridge University, is announced as having occurred August 26. He succeeded Professor C. C. BABINGTON at Cambridge in 1895, and died at the age of fifty-two years. His work on plant diseases is well known, and the splendid new botanical building, which was the result of his tireless activity, had only been occupied for two years.

THE *Beihefte zum Botanischen Centralblatt*, heretofore published by GEORG THIEME in Leipzig, will be published, beginning with the twentieth volume, by C. HEINRICH of Dresden. It will continue under the same editors, Drs. OSCAR UHLWORM of Berlin and F. G. KOHL of Marburg, and with the same two sections. The indefinite size of the parts enables the editors to promise publication with the utmost promptness.

THE COMMITTEE on "Applied Botany" of the International Association of Botanists met in Paris August 25-27, fourteen members being present. In addition to the customary addresses, it was decided to appoint a botanist to make a tour of the world to investigate and report upon the "resources of applied botany," the report to be made at the general meeting of the Association in 1908. It was estimated that 20,000 francs would be needed for this purpose, and the selection of a suitably trained botanist was left in the hands of a committee. It was decided to raise the money from various governments and public establishments. A committee was also appointed to investigate the invasions of plant diseases and to attempt to secure international legislation in reference to them.

A TIMELY MOVEMENT has been started in New Zealand to preserve the "Riccarton Bush." This fact is of great interest to botanists in general, for this "Bush" is the only remaining portion of a vast forest that once covered the region, and is the last piece of forest of its kind in the world. It is near the city of Christchurch, and a list of its species shows a combination of rare plants that exists in no other place. The dominant tree is *Podocarpus dacrydioides*, and other large trees are *P. totarra*, *P. spicatus*, *Elaeocarpus dentatus*, and *E. Hookerianus*. If this forest were destroyed, it would be a distinct loss to botanical science, which for years to come will need the material it can supply. The government of New Zealand has voted £1500 toward its acquisition, and there is still some £5000 to raise. It is to be hoped that nothing will interfere with the success of this movement. Those interested in it may communicate with Dr. L. COCKAYNE, Ollivier's Road, Christchurch, N. Z.